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("CIA IN THE SERVICES OF ENEMIES OF DETENTE AND PEACE"--TASS HEADLINE)

(TEXT) MOSCOW, 8 JAN (TASS)--A LARGE GROUP OF CAREER PERSONNEL OF THE CIA, THAT WAS WORKING IN THE USSR UNDER THE GUISE OF DIPLOMATS, WAS EXPOSED BY SOVIET SECURITY BODIES OF LATE. MANY OF THESE CIA AGENTS WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED WHILE CONDUCTING ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS. THIS IS REPORTED TODAY BY THE NEWSPAPER PRAVDA IN AN ARTICLE EXPOSING THE ACTIVITY OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AGAINST THE USSR.

THE NEWSPAPER, SPECIFICALLY, POINTS OUT THAT ATTACHE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW KELLY AND HIS WIFE, WHO ARE CIA STAFFERS, WERE DETAINED AT THE TIME WHEN THEY WERE PLACING INSTRUCTIONS AND ESPIONAGE MATERIALS FOR AGENTS OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE.

ATTACHE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY MARTHA PETERSON WAS EXPELLED FROM THE USSR FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

SOON AFTERWARDS SOVIET SECURITY BODIES UNCOVERED ANOTHER SPYING COUPLE, VINCENT AND BECKY CROCKETT.

CIA AGENTS AND SPIES, PRAVDA WRITES, ARE TRYING TO ACQUIRE IN THE SOVIET UNION SECRET INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEFENCE POTENTIAL, THE ARMED FORCES, ABOUT TARGETS EARMARKED BY THE PENTAGON FOR NUCLEAR STRIKES, AND ABOUT THE SOVIET ECONOMY. THE CIA IS MUCH INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONS OF THE USSR WITH OTHER STATES, IN THE RELATIONS AMONG PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION.

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"ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND TERROR, SLANDER AND MISINFORMATION WITH THE USE OF THE RADIO, THE USE OF RADIO-ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, OF THE LATEST MEANS OF TECHNOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY, SPY SATELLITES, SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT, BUILDING OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS CRAMMED WITH SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS, NUMEROUS BASES FOR RADIO INTELLIGENCE CLOSE TO THE SOVIET BORDERS--ALL THIS IS PUT AT THE SERVICE OF ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE USSR," THE ARTICLE SAYS.

LARGE NUMBERS OF VARIOUS ESPIONAGE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS WERE SEIZED FROM CIA AGENTS AND U.S. SPIES WHO WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED, PRAVDA WRITES. MINIATURE PHOTOCAMERAS IN THE FORM OF LIGHTERS AND FOUNTAIN-PENS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING DOCUMENTS, RADIO RECEIVING SETS, CIPHERS AND CODES, INSTRUCTIONS ON COMMUNICATION AND CIA ASSIGNMENTS FOR REPORTING SECRET INFORMATION, PISTOLS FIRING NERVE GAS, AND AMPULES WITH THE LETHAL POISON POTASSIUM CYANIDE WERE TAKEN FROM THEM. ALL THIS EQUIPMENT IS DELIVERED TO THE USSR THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

"NO MATTER HOW DEVIOUS THE ENEMY IS, SOVIET COUNTER-ESPIONAGE SERVICES, VIGILANTLY ON GUARD OF THE SECURITY OF THE SOCIALIST MOTHERLAND, ARE A RELIABLE BARRIER ON ITS ROAD," THE NEWSPAPER WRITES.

PRAVDA WRITES ABOUT THE CRIMINAL PATH OF V. KALININ, WHO WAS RECRUITED BY THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE. HE WAS DETAINED WHILE TAKING AN ESPIONAGE CONTAINER OUT OF A CACHE.

FACED WITH IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE OF HIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, KALININ HAD TO ADMIT HIS ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, HIS TIES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CIA. HE PLEADED GUILTY TO COMMITTING THE MOST GRIEVOUS CRIME AGAINST THE MOTHERLAND--ESPIONAGE.

THE MILITARY COLLEGIUM OF THE USSR SUPREME COURT SENTENCED V. KALININ TO THE HIGHEST MEASURE OF PUNISHMENT--EXECUTION BY A FIRING SQUAD, THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS.

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